

## REMARKS

### Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3, 6, and 8 are currently pending.

### Objections to the Claims

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended by removing all non-elected subject matter. Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections is requested.

## CONCLUSION

Allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue are respectfully solicited. The Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-2114, if the Examiner believes that a discussion would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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